

CANNOT HANDLE ELECTRIC WIRES

City Engineer Fears Cables May
Prove Proverbial Last
Straw.

NEW BRIDGE IS NECESSARY

Burkert Gives Result of Water
Pressure Calculation for
Southside.

How is electric current from the municipal plant to be carried to South Richmond? That is the question which Consulting Engineer E. W. Trafford is trying to solve. The contract has been awarded for erecting poles for the distribution system in the Southside, and it is anticipated that within sixty days South Richmond will be illuminated by home made electricity, produced at the city's own plant. But the problem of how to get over there is puzzling.

The obvious route is by attaching the wires to the Ninth Street Free Bridge. But City Engineer Bolling has called a halt. It is frankly an open question whether the dilapidated structure will stand up until the new Mayo Bridge is completed and opened, and all precautions are being taken.

Might Break Camels' Back.
The City Engineer has expressed an unwillingness to have it loaded with several tons of copper wire and insulators, though on a bridge of ordinary strength the weight of a line of cables would be as a feather. But Mr. Bolling remembers the proverbial last straw, and is sitting up nights thinking of ways to put some more wooden props under the old Free Bridge to keep it from swaying in the breeze. Mr. Trafford is getting prices from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for the cost of carrying cables across on that bridge. It may prove necessary to lay a cable on the river bed, which would be expensive construction, comparatively, but Manchester citizens would consider that better than waiting in darkness for the completion of the new bridge.

An exact estimate of the weight of the wires and its distribution from pier to pier is being made, and it may be that Mr. Bolling will yet allow the wires to be hung from the Free Bridge, especially as extensive repairs are now being made to the weakest part—that built by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway some years ago, and which, instead of being the strongest, as was supposed, was found to have holes in the stone work large enough to insert a flour barrel.

Plan Another Bridge.
More than a year has been spent by the city in securing plans and awarding a contract for the new Mayo Bridge, work on which is to begin this week, and which is to be completed within one year. The Street Committee has secured much information, both as to bridges and as to methods of securing a safe result. It has been suggested that as soon as the Mayo Bridge is well under way a resolution be offered in the Council instructing the Street Committee to hold a competition for plans and secure bids on a new bridge to replace that at the foot of Ninth Street, the commencement as soon as the Mayo Bridge is opened to travel. By such a course much time would be saved, and leaving out entirely the factor of endangering human life, the city might be saved enormous damages through any accident that might occur by the prolonged use of the old structure, which engineers reported two years ago had "outlived its period of usefulness."

Water Problems.
Another Southside problem is being worked out by Superintendent Davis, of the Water Department, and Assistant Superintendent Burkert, in charge of the Southside department. In laying the new water mains for service of South Richmond from New Reservoir, the abandonment of the present Manchester pumping station, elaborate calculations have been made to show the amount of pressure in different sections. As a result of his figuring, Mr. Burkert says that if he can have a conduit directly across the river, as originally planned—a supply main from New Reservoir to South Richmond without interruption—the pressure will be ample; but if it is attempted to supply the Southside by means of water mains taken across the two bridges and connecting with the main and Cary Street pipes in Richmond, which already have a heavy draft on them for large sections of the old city, the pressure will be greatly reduced and may not equal that now given from the old Manchester stand pipe, which has up to this time proved ample for fire protection in the Southside without the use of fire engines, giving in most sections a pressure at the fire plugs of about thirty pounds. This is a greater pressure than on the average fire plug on Richmond water mains.

Drought Is Broken.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Montreal, Va., May 28.—The distressing drought in Highland was broken by a tremendous downpour of rain, extending over the entire county, which terminated the long dry spell, was one of unusual severity for this mountainous section, the electrical feature being almost unprecedented. There is great rejoicing in this land of blue grass.

Will Observe May 30.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., May 28.—For the first time, Lynchburg will observe the 80th anniversary of the battle of the Clouds coming here on June 16, the anniversary of the battle of the Clouds. The orator of the occasion, his year will be Judge R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville.

BOY SHOT TO DEATH POSING AS A DUCK

Killed With Gun Companions
Thought Unloaded—Found
It in Sand.

New York, May 28.—In a playful demonstration of how to shoot birds on the wing, Philip Gouch, 11 years old, yesterday evening accidentally killed with a shotgun, the police say, John Osoosky, one of his schoolmates, who lived in Green Ridge, Staten Island. The fatal shooting occurred on the beach of Green Ridge, where the Gouch boy also lived. Gouch's brother George, twelve years old, witnessed the tragedy. Both youngsters were sent to the Children's Society in New Brighton. There appears to be no doubt of the truth of the brothers' story, the police assert.

The Gouch boys and their Osoosky long had been close friends. They were together constantly and were fond of playing pranks on one another. Yesterday the three boys went to the beach to go swimming. Having exhausted the delights of the water they dressed and set out for a stroll along the beach. Suddenly Osoosky found a single-barrelled shotgun in the sand under a bathing house. He put the weapon to his shoulder in proper hunting fashion and exclaimed:

"Watch me bring down that wild duck!"

"That's no way to shoot at a bird on the wing," Philip Gouch broke in, snatching the shotgun. "I'll show you how it ought to be done."

"Wait a second," the elder Gouch boy put in. "Let's make sure it's not loaded."

All three boys gathered around the gun and examined it attentively, with the result they were convinced it was empty of cartridges. Then Philip took it, and dropped down with one knee on the sand. Carefully taking aim at Osoosky, he remarked:

"Don't forget you're the bird this time!"

So Osoosky began to flap his arms up and down like wings and make peeping noises which made George Gouch hold his sides from laughing. An instant afterward there was a loud report, a burst of smoke and the Osoosky boy dropped in the sand dead. His face and the left side of his head were torn off by the heavy discharge of shot. Persons walking along the beach heard the sound of the gunshot and hurried to the scene. The Gouch brothers, pale and weeping, then were arrested.

MEETING OF ORANGE MASONS.
Master's Degree Is Conferred on Two Candidates.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Orange, Va., May 28.—The greatest meeting in the history of Freemasonry in Orange took place Friday night, following the laying of the cornerstone of the new Orange High School building. In the afternoon, Worshipful Grand Master W. B. McChesney, of Staunton, was present, and complimented the lodge on the high class of work that was done. Grand Senior Warden Philip Bauman, of Fredericksburg, presided, and conferred the Master Mason's degree on two candidates after the meeting. The High School girls served refreshments and rendered several musical selections, with Reginald Walker as the accompanist.

Mr. McClure charged the lodge with his son. One of the most pleasing and impressive features of the occasion was the presentation of a Knights Templar chapeau, cap and sword to District Deputy Grand Master W. J. Phillips by Orange Royal Arch Chapter, No. 47. Mr. Phillips was a potent factor in the life of the fraternity in Orange.

TEA AT BLANDFIELD.
Delightful Event in Honor of Mrs. A. J. Montague.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Essex, Va., May 28.—A few evenings ago a delightful tea was given at Blandfield, the Colonial home of Robert Beverley, of Essex, in honor of Mrs. A. J. Montague. The magnificent old mansion was profusely decorated with hundreds of varieties of beautiful roses. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beverley, Dr. J. Saunders, Mrs. A. J. Montague, Mrs. Saunders, Miss Mildred Ellis, Miss Pitts, Misses Roberta and Rebecca Beverley, of Kendale; Misses Blight, of Fredericksburg; Dandridge and Miss Judith Sale, Colonel and Mrs. John H. Washington, of Atlanta; and R. Bland Beverley. Tea was daintily served by Miss Fannie Scott Beverley, assisted by Misses Sale and Blight. Mrs. Montague spent some time looking over the old family records, tracing her connection through some of the far back generations to the Blandfield Beverleys, who have owned this estate since 1700.

INDOISES WOODROW WILSON.
North Carolina Democratic Chairman Declines His Nomination for Election.
Raleigh, N. C., May 28.—A. H. Eller of Winston-Salem, the chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee of North Carolina, in an interview here came out strongly for Woodrow Wilson as the Democratic nominee for President.

Chairman Eller declares that the pendulum is swinging away from the special interests statesmanship of Mark Hennay-Aldrich kind, and is turning to Wilson as the representative type of progressive and real democracy. He predicts Wilson's nomination and election.

Primary in Orange.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Orange, Va., May 28.—In the Democratic primary held in this county yesterday, the following were nominated as candidates:

Delegate—T. K. Rowe, Treasurer, O. B. Watson; Sheriff, W. C. Bond; Commonwealth's Attorney, T. B. Brown; County Clerk, C. W. Woolfolk; Supervisors—W. F. Sanford, W. G. Buckner, R. S. Ellis, E. J. Woodville.

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WEDS GERMAN NOBLEMAN

Miss Mabel Paine, of Baltimore, Now
Baroness Von Lindequist.
Berlin, May 28.—Baron Hartmann
Ernest Von Schlottheim, a lieutenant
in the Kaiser Alexander Grenadier
Guards, and Miss Mabel Clinton Paine,
of Baltimore, were married at the
garrison church here yesterday.

The bride is the eldest daughter of
the late General Clinton Claxton Paine,
and is a born living on the continent
for the last few years. Baron Von
Schlottheim is the son of the Countess
Von Lindequist and the late Baron
Max Cershaw Von Schlottheim.

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News of South Richmond

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Chesterfield Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will unite with Richmond Chapter Friday night, when crosses of honor will be presented to veterans and their descendants. Among those from the Southside who will be honored will be J. C. Abbott, Vols. 1st Corps; J. A. Bennett, Company C, Pickett's Division; R. B. Gilliam, Williamsburg, Company 2, Thirty-second Regiment; J. A. Haskins, Chesterfield, Company C, Forty-fourth Battalion; W. B. Jones, Washington, Company B; J. A. Lipscomb, Fourth Virginia Cavalry; J. E. Purdie, Chesterfield, Smith's Battalion, Company E; W. D. Short, Company C, Fourteenth Regiment; Sam Wicks, Company G, Tenth Battalion; C. N. Williams, Boydton, Company G, Tenth Battalion; C. W. McGrunder, Company F, Twenty-fifth Regiment; J. M. Richardson, Company E, Twentieth Regiment.

Hegins Revival in Tent.
Revival services in a big tent at Fifth Street, between Hull and Decatur Streets, were begun last night by Rev. G. T. Forrester, assisted by J. W. Dixor. The innovation of devotional services under canvas attracted a large congregation. A feature of the occasion was the singing under the direction of L. J. McNeill.

Meetings To-Night.
Indiana's Tribes, I. O. R. M., will meet to-night at 8 o'clock.
Progressive Council, Daughters of Liberty, will meet to-night at 8 o'clock in Cawley's Hall, Swanboro.

Lay Corner-Stone Saturday.
With appropriate exercises, the cornerstone of the Stockton Street Baptist Church will be laid Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. Former Governor A. J. Montague will be the orator of the occasion, while the big block will be put in place with Masonic rites per-

formed by Manchester Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

Revival Continued.
The revival service which has been in progress the past week at Cawley's Hall, Swanboro, will be continued until Wednesday night, owing to the unusual success of the meeting. Rev. B. H. Melton is doing the preaching, and so interesting are his sermons that the audiences are increasing at each service. Many accusations have already been made to the church. All are invited to hear this eloquent and forceful speaker.

ALL TEACHERS RE-ELECTED.
Newbern Schools Close Successful Year—Commencement This Week.
Newbern, N. C., May 28.—The City School Board yesterday afternoon re-elected Superintendent H. B. Craven and his entire corps of teachers, without a single change. The salaries of all teachers—thirty-six in number—were rated on the average of a little more than 10 per cent., and hereafter the salary will be paid twelve months in the year. The minimum salary in the new scale will be \$37 per month, or \$440 per year. The board also made plans to put the High School department in the "A" class of high schools, just as soon as it can be done. The schools have had a very successful year, and the total enrollment in the city has been between 1,700 and 1,800.

The commencement exercises will be held on next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Rev. Plato T. Durham will deliver the address on Tuesday night; Bishop Robert Strange will preach the sermon on Wednesday night, and the graduating exercises will be held on Thursday night.

Letter Carriers' Meeting.
Salisbury, N. C., May 28.—The Rural Letter Carriers' Association, of Rowan and Stanly counties, will hold its annual meeting at Gold Hill on May 30. The organization, which was perfected two years ago, is one of the strongest in the State, and the attendance this year will be larger than usual.

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